

Connor's Bog

Anchorage Wildlife Viewing Hot Spots



directions

From downtown Anchorage, take Minnesota Drive south to the International Airport West exit. Turn left on Jewel Lake Road. A parking area with a main trailhead is located on the left-hand side of the road.

tips & cautions

Don't disturb nesting or baby animals. Moose are not normally dangerous, however be cautious. Watch moose quietly, at a safe distance, and recognize changes in their behavior. If a moose lays its ears back and raises the hair on its hump, you are too close. Dogs may antagonize moose simply by their presence. Cow moose with young newborn calves are particularly sensitive to humans and dogs. To protect the nesting loons, portions of the lakeshore may be closed to human and dog access during summer.

The pine grosbeak is a plump, long-tailed bird that is commonly found in wooded areas.



Loons are often remembered for their eerie call. Hearing this mystic sound resonate across a lake is one of nature's most recognized sounds.

Nestled between residential neighborhoods and the Anchorage International Airport is Conner's Bog. The area includes diverse habitats, with a scattering of low-shrub bogs and Conner's Lake making up the prominent features. Woodlands and tall trees surround the lake and bog, creating great habitat for small mammals, moose, and many species of birds.

The freshwater wetlands at Conner's Bog offer a wide variety of bird sightings throughout spring, summer, and fall. Eighty-three species of birds have been recorded near the bog, from common mallards and resident woodpeckers to the more unusual Pacific loon. Volunteers placed an island in Conner's Lake equipped with a web camera to record and watch Pacific loons nest and raise their young.

A main trail running through Conner's Bog provides access to many offshoot trails leading to the lake, through the forest, and across the low shrub landscape. Moose are often seen feeding along the trails, munching on the woodland foliage.

contacts & resources

Alaska's Watchable Wildlife Program:

www.wildlifeviewing.alaska.gov

Municipality of Anchorage:

www.anchororage.ci.org